

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1A

25X1

COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO.

TOPIC COTTBUS Airfield

FLD
345

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT see below

DATE OBTAINED 25X1A DATE PREPARED 25 October 1949

REFERENCES 25X1A

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 blueprint

REMARKS

Document No. 106

☒ NO CHANGE in Class.

☐ DECLASSIFIED

Class. CHANGED TO: TS S

DDA Memo, 4 Apr 77

Auth: DDA REG. 77/1783

Date: July 1978 By:

25X1

28 August 1949

Twenty-seven single-engine ground attack aircraft (improved version of the IL-2) and twenty twin engine aircraft with double rudder assembly were counted at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 47) airfield. According to Soviets, other twin-engine aircraft were expected to arrive.

25X1X

25X1

25X1A

Cantonment buildings were being erected in the eastern section of the field. According to the COTTBUS Construction Office, the field is to be expanded toward the west.

2 September 1949

Fifteen single-engine aircraft with in-line engine and twenty-five twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine and double rudder assembly were counted in front of the hangars of the COTTBUS airfield. The truck proceeded toward the field.

25X1A

4 September 1949

It was confirmed that the airfield was occupied by single-engine and twin-engine aircraft.

Late August 1949

5. The COTTBUS airfield was occupied by 48 ground attack aircraft of IL-10 type (see Annex).

3 September 1949

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

SECRET

25X1

25X1A

6. It was observed for the first time that 16 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes (double, oval-shaped rudder assembly, cockpit on top of fuselage with armament firing to the rear) landed at the airfield.

7 September 1949

7. All L-10s were transferred but the twin-engine aircraft were still parked at the field. According to airfield workers, other units were expected to arrive. Quartering and parking facilities were already provided. Expansion work was being done in the western section of the field.

25X1A Comment:

a. According to the above information, [redacted] the ground attack unit was apparently transferred from the COTIUS airfield in late August 1949. A component unit of the III Air Corps (determined from the [redacted] arrived instead. According to other reports, the ground attack unit was transferred to LOMB LITZ and SCOTEN-BAIRN. *

25X1

25X1

b. This is the first information on expansion work on the western edge of the COTIUS airfield. This work was probably due to the arrival of bomber aircraft.

c. The aircraft type reproduced on the attached sketch is obviously an L-10. It is again confirmed that the ground attack unit previously stationed in COTIUS is equipped with L-10s.

1 Annex: Ground Attack Aircraft Observed at the COTIUS airfield.

25X1A

* [redacted]

SECRET

25X1